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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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C. HEIDI GRETHNER
DIRECTOR

December 28, 2016

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest regarding the Permit to Install application submitted by Aquila Resources Inc., to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), requesting to install and operate a nonferrous metallic mineral mine and processing facility in portions of Sections 1, 11, and 12 in Township 35 North, Range 29 West, and portions of Sections 6 and 7 in Township 35 North, Range 28 West, in Lake Township, Menominee County, Michigan.

Pursuant to state and federal requirements, the MDEQ held a public comment period that ended on November 3, 2016, and a public hearing on October 6, 2016, on its proposed conditional approval of the permit. The MDEQ received written comments during the public comment period and at the public hearing and verbal comments were presented at the public hearing.

After careful consideration of the issues and pursuant to the delegation of authority from the Director of the MDEQ, I have approved Permit to Install (PTI) No. 205-16 with modifications made to the proposed permit.

The MDEQ has prepared a document which provides our responses to comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing. This document also identifies the PTI special conditions that have been modified and provides our rationale for modifying the proposed special conditions. This document is available at http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3311_18442-359902--,00.html and the Permit Terms and Conditions are available at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml>.

Thank you for your input regarding our review of this permit application. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Andrew Drury, Air Quality Division, at 517-284-6792, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynn Fiedler, Chief
Air Quality Division
517-284-6773

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cc: Ms. Joan Delabreau, Chairwoman, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Mr. Levi Carrick Sr., President, Bay Mills Indian Community
Mr. Thurlow Samuel McClellan, Tribal Chairman, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
Mr. Kenneth Meshigaud, Chairperson, Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community
Mr. Warren Chris Swartz, President, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Mr. James Williams, Tribal Chairman, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Mr. Larry Romanelli, Ogema, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Ms. Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Ms. Leah Sprague-Fodor, Chairwoman, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe)
Mr. Jamie Stuck, Chairman, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians
Mr. John Warren, Tribal Chairman, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Mr. Frank Cloutier, Tribal Chief, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
Mr. Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Ms. Natalene Cummings, Air Quality Program Manager, Forest County Potawatomi Community
Ms. Gail Good, Director, Wisconsin Air Management Program
Mr. Ronald Johnson, Lake Township Supervisor
Mr. Marc Kleiman, Menominee County Clerk
Ms. Genevieve Damico, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
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